

Health and Absenteeism

Working Together to Help Kids

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Milwaukie High School

Milwaukie, Oregon

About Us

- 1400 Students
- Comprehensive Public High School
- 62-70% Free and Reduced Lunch
- School Founded in 1907
- 33% minority (27% Latino)
- School District has 18,000 students
- Suburb of Portland

Core Values

We believe all kids can learn.

We meet kids where they are and move them forward.

**We need to take care of kids,
as-well-as educate them.**



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Achievement Data

Six Years Ago

Reading

55.1%

Math

38.5%

Writing

47.6%

Attendance

87%

Graduation

63.5%

ODE Rating

Needs Improvement



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Achievement Data

TODAY

Reading Increased **25.7%**

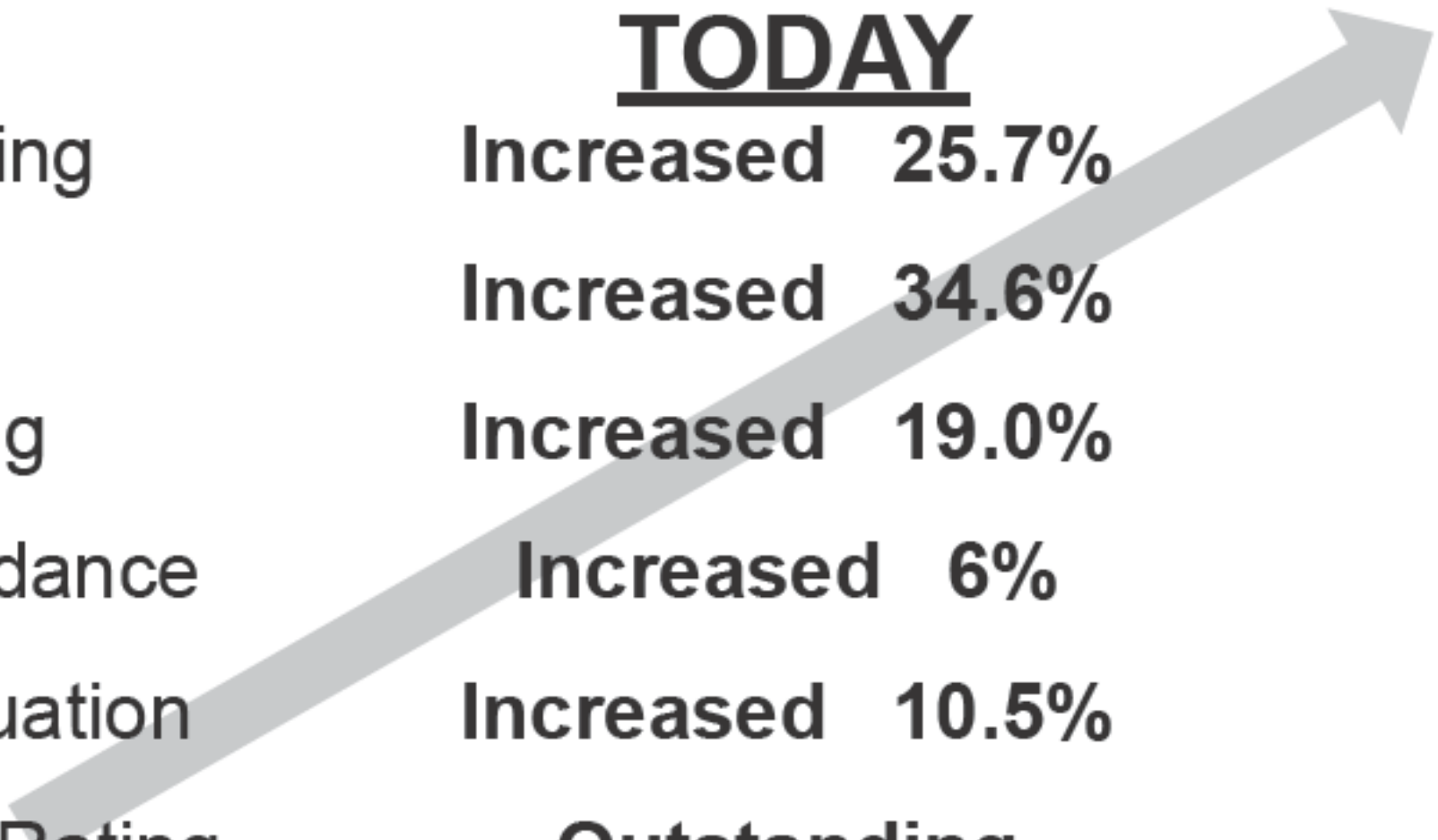
Math Increased **34.6%**

Writing Increased **19.0%**

Attendance Increased **6%**

Graduation Increased **10.5%**

ODE Rating **Outstanding**



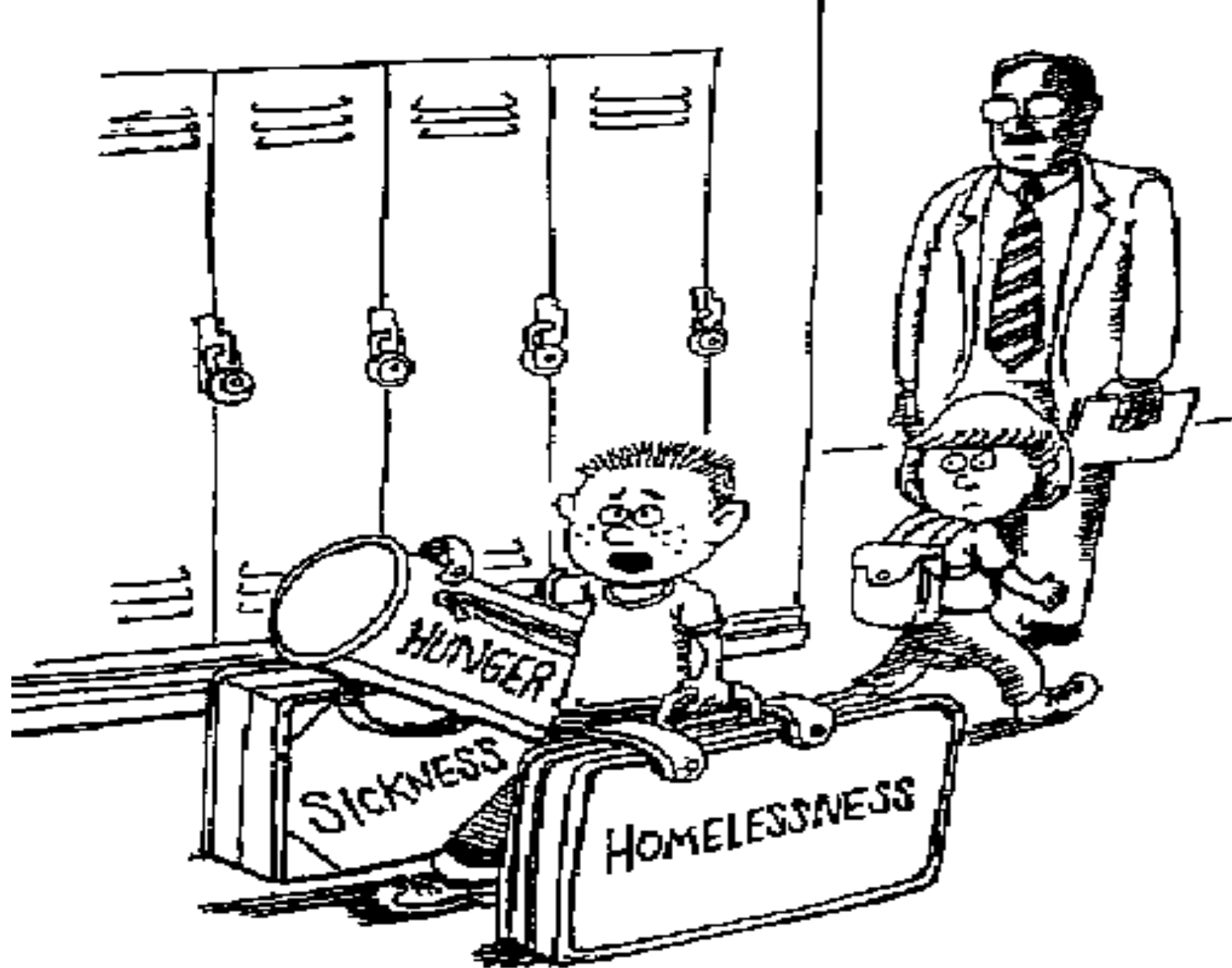


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Achievement Data

Attendance

87% to 93%



*Could someone please help me with these?
I'm late for Math class.*

There is a research-based link between students' physical, social, and emotional health and their ability to learn.

Improving Attendance from Both Sides

*SBHC Helps Students, Their
Attendance Improves*

*We look at who is missing school,
and ask what supports they need.*

Research shows

After receiving school-based **mental health and counseling**, SBHC users had...

- 50% decrease in absentee-ism and
- 25% decrease in tardiness 2 months

Gall G, Pagano ME, Desmond MS, Perrin JM, Murphy JM. Utility of psychosocial screening at a SBHC. J Sch Health. 2000;70:292-298.

Research shows

Medical services helped decrease absences by 50% among students who had three or more absences in a six-week period.

Research shows

Students who received **mental health** services had an 85% decline in school discipline referrals.

Dallas Youth and Family Centers Program: Hall, LS (2001). *Final Report — Youth and Family Centers Program 2000–2001* (REIS01-172-2). Dallas Independent Schools District.

Research shows

A study by Johns Hopkins University found that school-based health centers reduced inappropriate emergency room use among regular users of school-based health centers.

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THANK YOU

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